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**RULES  
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REGULATIONS**

OF THE

**UNION FIRE CLUB,**

FORMED AT

**FREDERICTON, N. B.**

NOVEMBER, 22d 1821.

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## R U L E S, &c.

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**A**S every Institution calculated to relieve the distressed, and avert the calamities attendant on accidental as well as other misfortunes, has been in every age and country, seconded by the cordial approbation of mankind in general, so the design of establishing a Union Fire Club in this place, being that of saving from entire destruction, the property of our fellow-men, when threatened by fire, the good will and encouragement of the Inhabitants of Fredericton, is anticipated in aid of this object ; and though this Town has hitherto providentially escaped the ravages of fire, yet we often hear of its awful effects in other parts of the World, and must be sensible that here, also, we are constantly in danger from it. That as fires always break out unexpectedly, and are not easily extinguished, but rage with great violence and increasing rapidity amongst wooden buildings, an immensity of property may in a few hours, be reduced to ashes. The houses, furniture and goods of the merchant and others, thus destroyed, may suddenly be the cause of many years embarrassment and distress to individuals of every class. The attention therefore of the Club, individually, as well as collectively, is hereby earnestly called to a consideration of their



duty to their neighbour, the necessity of order at all times, and prompt obedience to the Laws by which they resolve to be governed.

### I.

That this Society shall be called the Union Fire Club, and shall not exceed in number forty effective Members, including the President, Vice President and Secretary, who shall be elected annually, namely, on the 22d of November, and any person refusing to act as an officer, when proposed and elected, shall pay a fine of *ten Shillings*.

### II.

That each and every Member shall at his own expense, provide himself with, and keep in perfect order and readiness, a strong Bag consisting of about three yards of Duck, a Basket sufficient to hold one bushel or upwards, and a Lantern, with about six inches of Candle therein, a Jack-knife, Screw-driver, and Bed-key; and that there shall be provided at the expense of the Club, three small Axes, to be separately kept by the President, Vice-President and Secretary, all these utensils shall be marked with the initials U. F. C. and, with the exception of the Axes, those also of the owners name, and shall be kept together in the most convenient place of the owner's dwelling, and not on any account to be used except at fires, under a penalty of *ten Shillings* for every offence. And for the more easily distinguishing the members of the Club, from other persons, each shall at all fires, wear a white Hat, marked as above, under a penalty of *two Shillings and Sixpence*, unless he gives a satisfactory reason for appearing without the same.

### III.

That the Secretary be furnished with one or more Books, if necessary, at the expense of the Club, wherein he shall duly Register these regulations and other proceedings necessary to be inserted---collect fines, and pay from the funds of the Club all necessary expences incurred---be one of all Committees---go round and inspect the state of the utensils, (such inspection to take place not less than once in each quarter, and not less than ten days subsequent to any general fire) attended by two others of the Club, who shall be warned for that purpose, in rotation as they stand upon the list, at such times as the Secretary shall think proper, and every utensil lost,

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misplaced or out of order, shall be noted and reported to the President, who shall at the next meeting, cause to be levied for every article so lost, misplaced, or out of order, the sum of *two Shillings*, and *one Shilling* for each and every day such Member shall be deficient of either of the respective articles enumerated in the antecedent Section, and the Secretary shall, for every neglect of his duty pay a fine of *five Shillings* ; also any Member refusing to attend him, shall pay a fine of *five Shillings*, except in case of *Sickness*, or when out of Town.

#### IV.

That on an alarm of fire, every Member shall proceed with all possible haste to the House in danger, and there use every exertion in his power to save the property within from destruction, by expeditiously removing the same to a place of safety, as directed by the President, or those appointed to act in his absence. If any Member shall purposely neglect to repair to fires with all his utensils, or withdraws therefrom without leave, before the property removed is deposited in a place of safety, he shall, if the offence appears wilful, be excluded the Club.

#### V.

That the Member who first gets to the house on fire, shall, with the consent of the owner or tenants thereof, take charge of the door and allow no person to enter, save the Members of the Club, Owner, Tenants, or Firewards ; but if possession should be denied, the Members are not to persist, but use their utmost exertions in co-operation with the Fire Company, to stop the progress of the fire.

#### VI.

That the Club meet at the Golden Ball, or such other place as may be appointed by the President, four times a year, namely on the 22d of November, February, May and August, in the evening, at the hour of *seven* in the Winter, and *eight* in the Summer. Every Member whether present or absent at such meetings, shall pay the sum of *one Shilling* to the Secretary for the use of the Club ; and every absentee, when the list is called over, (which shall be within fifteen minutes from the time fixed for meeting) shall pay *Sixpence* more, and *two Shillings* and *Sixpence* if absent the whole evening, except in cases of sickness, or when out of Town ; whoever also absents himself three quarterly meetings successively,

shall, (except as above described) be excluded from the Society, and shall not be re-admitted without the usual ceremony of election. That during the meeting, the business of the Club only shall be discussed; every Member while addressing the Chairman must stand up, and all motions shall be made in writing, which shall be decided by the majority of the Members then present.

#### VII.

That in the election of new Members, a majority of the Club shall be present; that *five* black Balls shall exclude; and no person be balloted for unless proposed, by his request, at a previous meeting. On admission, he shall be required to sign the By-Laws within three days from his election, which only constitutes him a Member, even though the votes should be unanimous. He shall within ten days provide himself with utensils, and pay the sum of *five Shillings* to the Secretary for the use of the Club.

#### VIII.

That for the purpose of maintaining a good understanding, and orderly transacting the business of the Club at its several meetings, it shall be the President's duty to give all directions, and attend generally to matters relating to the Club--attend to all motions made and seconded, and put the same to vote.

#### IX.

The President's duty shall, in all respects during his absence, devolve upon the Vice-President, or Secretary; or in the absence of those, on such Member as a majority of the Club shall immediately appoint.

#### X.

That when from age or other infirmity, a Member is rendered incapable of taking an active part, he shall be continued as an honorary Member, be excused from attending at fires, and, unless agreeable to him, the meetings also; and in the event of the removal of any Member from Fredericton, he may at his request, with the consent of the Club, be annexed to the list of Honorary Members.

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## MEMBERS NAMES.

William Wilmot, Thos. R. Roberts, James Taylor, George K. Lugin. James Cameron, James Slood, Sherlock Parsons, John R. M'Pherson, Benj. Wolhaupter, Thomas C. Everitt, Jedediah Slason, Jun. William V. Segee, James Willox, John F. Taylor, William M'Beath, William Roberts, Daniel M'Pherson, Asa Coy, Thomas T. Smith, John Simpson, Joseph Estabrooks, John Barker, Charles M'Pherson, John A. Beckwith, Francis E. Beckwith,	Abraham Coburn, William Harned, Richard Dibblee, <i>Wm. Watts</i> <i>Robt. Lamb</i> <i>Sam. Woodhouse</i> <i>Wm. Beddie</i>
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## HONORARY MEMBERS.

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Robert Eggar,  
John Van Horne,

William M. Kay.  
Richard Winter,

